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- 11. RSO met with host country officials, the Inspector General of Police and Director of Immigration. In those meetings both conveyed that the Gambia does not have a means of tracking suspected terrorists in the country. They do not have a digital tracking system at the border crossings to monitor who is traveling in and out of The Gambia.
- During the meeting with the Inspector General of Police, he explained that The Gambia was generally a peaceful country and not until recent years did it feel the need to keep records of terrorist activities. The IGP was very open to the idea of exchanging information regarding suspected individuals and terrorist groups that could be operating within the Gambia without the knowledge of the government.
- 13. Both the IGP and the DOI expressed a strong interest in sharing information with the U.S. on suspects that would be a threat to The Gambia and U.S. facilities in country.

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